

The First Baptist Church at Worship  
Ascension Sunday / Communion Sunday  
Education Sunday

June 5, 2011 10:30 AM

Please read while listening to the Prelude as preparation for worship:

*Feuerbach once said, "Man is what he eats." While Feuerbach, the materialist philosopher, meant something different, I want to challenge the idea there is a difference between the spiritual and the material. "For our purposes, we could state Feuerbach's maxim . . . . 'We are what we receive', or 'we become what we receive'. What is it we receive into our very being that forms us to become who we are? Worship, oriented around the word and table, is structured so that we receive, through the power of the Holy Spirit, God's word and deed, manifest most fully in the person of Christ. In receiving this gift, that is, Christ, the Church herself becomes Christ's own body in the world. The new reality that is brought into being and extended is the body of Christ, as those gathered around word and table are incorporated into Christ's body. Thus, the real presence of God is manifest in the gathered community as it becomes the body of Christ for the world. This occurs through our faithful response to the real presence of God in word and table."*

- Elizabeth Newman, Professor of Theology and Ethics,  
Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond

## The Gathering

THE PRELUDE Gregory Land, Organist  
Debbie Lindley, Pianist

(We gather for personal and corporate reflection and prayer.)

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King* ..... John Darwell  
*Down at the Cross* ..... John H. Stockton  
*Day by Day* ..... Oscar Ahnfelt  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* ..... Lowell Mason

## In Praise to the Lord

CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir

*Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious* - #220

\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #219 *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*  
LLANFAIR

*One of Charles Wesley's best known hymns speaks directly to the Ascension theme. The words recall all of Eastertide's events reminding Christians of the meaning of Christ's resurrection.*

\*OPENING PRAYER Rev. Jim Earnest

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #321 *Gloria, Gloria*

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**  
**Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

## Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

THE NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON Rev. Jason Alspaugh

**I Corinthians 11:17-33** (NT pg. 173 in the pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON Vanessa Earnest

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.  
People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Luke 24:44-53** (NT pg. 91 in the pew Bible)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

\*FELLOWSHIP HYMN #466 *Jesus, at Your Holy Table*  
BEACH SPRING

*Hymn writer Tom Allen gave us a communion text set to the familiar tune BEACH SPRING in 1991. We are reminded of the need to reach for a higher level of love for one another as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Amy Radachi

*(Children in preK-grade 4 will be led downstairs for Sunday School. Younger Children preK-K will go to Room #4 and older children grades 1-4 will go to Room #3B. Parents should pick up their children after worship service.)*

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

*Clap Your Hands* ..... Patti Drennan

THE SERMON Dr. Rodney Kennedy

**"Sacramental Baptists"**

## The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY Debbie Lindley

*How Beautiful* ..... Paris/Hayes

*How beautiful the hands that served  
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth  
How beautiful the feet that walked  
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.*

*How beautiful the heart that bled  
That took all my sin and bore it instead  
How beautiful the tender eyes  
That chose to forgive and never despise.*

*How beautiful is the body of Christ.*

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #668 v.1 *God of the Fertile Fields*  
AMERICA

**God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields  
our daily bread: forth from Your bounteous hand  
come gifts Your love has planned,  
that all in every land be clothed and fed.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER Vanessa Earnest

## The Right Hand of Fellowship

*Today we extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to:*

**Madeleine Mehaffey**

*Madeleine Mehaffey joins by Statement of Faith.  
Her faith partner is Florida Dixon.*

**Petronia Nizigiyimana**

*Petronia joins by Statement of Faith.  
Her faith partner is Ernestine Minani.*

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR TEACHERS Linda Thomson, Chair  
Board of Christian Ed.

**Ephesians 4:11-12** - *The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.*

Today we celebrate the ministry of those who have served as our Sunday School teachers in the past year. We ask that they would stand up as their names are read.

\*PRAYER

**We give you thanks, O Lord, for these who have been our teachers. Gifted by you, they have opened our minds to understand the scriptures; and our hearts have burned within us. May their faithfulness encourage us to greater faithfulness, as we seek to share the gospel with passion and intelligence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CELEBRATING & GIFTING OUR GRADUATES Rev. Jason Alspaugh

LICENSING TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

*First Baptist Church is privileged today to license RYAN GADE to the gospel ministry. Ryan is a student at United Theological Seminary, a member of FBCD, and plans to be a chaplain in the U. S. Navy.*

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(Celebrants: Dr. Kennedy and Rev. Marcus)

INVITATION Dr. Rodney Kennedy

CONFESSION OF SIN Rev. C. Roland Marcus

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and**

by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

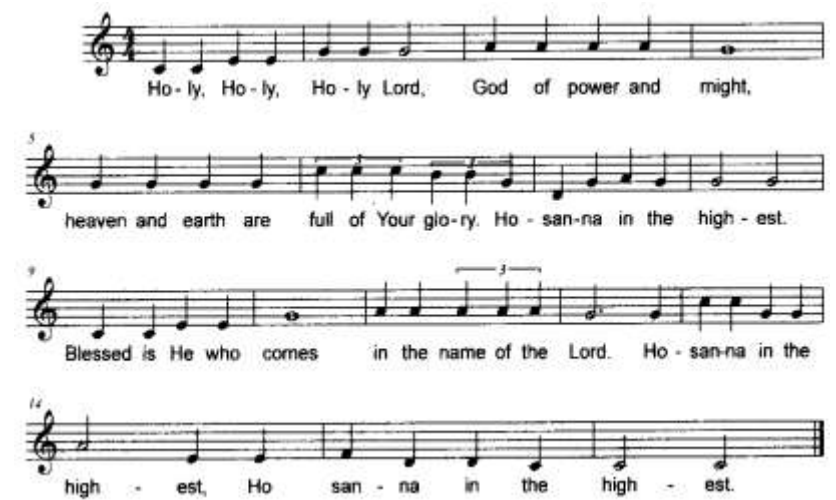
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE Dr. Kennedy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Dr. Kennedy

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
 Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth . . . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The people stand.  
 Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself . . . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father . . . . AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER  
**The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*(The congregation is invited to sing as we share the elements of Holy Communion.)*

BREAKING THE BREAD Dr. Kennedy  
 #464 *Take the Bread, Children, Take the Bread*  
 Congregation

SHARING THE CUP Rev. Marcus  
*In the Garden* ..... C. Austin Miles  
 Setting by Hayes-Gaspard  
 Greg Land & Debbie Lindley

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING Rev. Marcus  
**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP  
*(Persons wishing to join First Baptist Church are invited to come forward while the organist plays the first verse of the recessional hymn. You may join First Baptist Church by confession of faith, transfer of letter, or statement of faith. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this morning.)*

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #469 *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands*  
 ST. COLUMBA  
*Fred Kaan, born in the Netherlands, was a renowned preacher, hymn writer and pacifist who was greatly influenced by the German occupation of his homeland during his childhood. In our closing hymn we are eloquently reminded that our Lord Jesus was indeed the Prince of Peace, charging us to be peace makers in all that we do.*

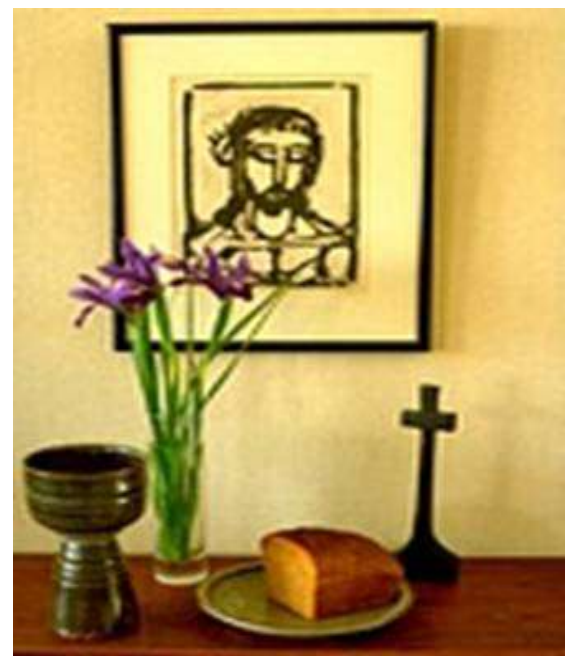
\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL Dr. Rodney Kennedy  
 Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #514 *Christians, Let Us Go...*  
 HOLY MANNA  
**Christians, let us go and serve Him,  
 serve the One who gives us life.  
 Let us serve in love and power, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
 Serve in love and serve in wisdom,  
 reaching all we know and see.  
 Christians, let us go and serve Him, now and through eternity.**

\*POSTLUDE Greg Land & Debbie Lindley  
*O Worship the King* ..... Johann Haydn  
 setting by Betty Jean Chatham

# First Baptist Church of Dayton

## Ascension Sunday



**Our Mission Statement:**  
*To celebrate God's love as a community of believers in Jesus Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach to others.*

Dr. Rodney Wallace Kennedy, *Lead Pastor*  
 Rev. Jason Alspaugh, *Associate Pastor Children & Youth*  
 Rev. C. Roland Marcus, *Associate Pastor*  
 Rev. James Earnest, *Assistant Pastor of Visitation*  
 Ray Landis, *Music Director*  
 Gregory Land, *Organist*  
 R. Alan Kimbrough, *Organist*  
 Debbie Lindley, *Pianist*  
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